

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 enacted a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap; and

WHEREAS, April 11, 2004, marks the 36th anniversary of this landmark legislation that has helped countless people achieve the American dream of obtaining safe, decent and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, despite great strides in opening housing markets to underserved groups, housing discrimination unfortunately still exists, with groups protected under the Fair Housing Act often falling victim to unscrupulous lending practices; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Keepers of the Dream," the 2004 observance of Fair Housing Month calls attention to our responsibility to ensure every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing free from unlawful discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2004 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure fair housing opportunities for residents throughout the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA